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1. Anticollectivization riots were synchronised to take place in the Vidin-Kula area on 22 March 1951.
2. In Kula, two cooperative stores were burnt down.
3. At Golemanovo, 160 people under the leadership of a surveyor named Vekov marched to the cooperative stores and seized their own carts, trucks and cattle. The militia opened fire on the group and one woman was wounded. Subsequently, 60,000 leva were collected on her behalf.
4. At Gramada, over 200 people were involved in ransacking the cooperative store. There were casualties among both the militia and the raiders.
5. At Chichil, 250 women went to the cooperative buildings, stoned guards, and seized livestock. When the militia from Kula arrived, the women tore the epaulettes off the shoulders of the militia leader. On 24 March 1951, many women and men were arrested and the livestock reimposed.
6. In Vidin, no riots took place but there was a drive for signatures to a petition from the people to the Prime Minister, Vulko Chervenkov, declaring that the collective system was extremely unpopular.
7. In Novo Selo, a farmer who seized his own livestock was arrested by a local official. The farmer stabbed the official and was shot by the militia.
8. Disturbances also occurred in Voinitsa, Rakovitsa, Nilzanlek, Medeshevtai and Staro-Patsa.

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